THE LEGEND OF ONIKIRIMARU
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EPISODE 4: THE SECRETS OF ONIKIRIMARU'S BIRTH
AT LAST, THE SECRETS OF ONIKIRI-MARU'S BIRTH ARE REVEALED!
IN THE DISTANT PAST, A MILLENNIA AGO...
...THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD HUNT THE DEMONS...
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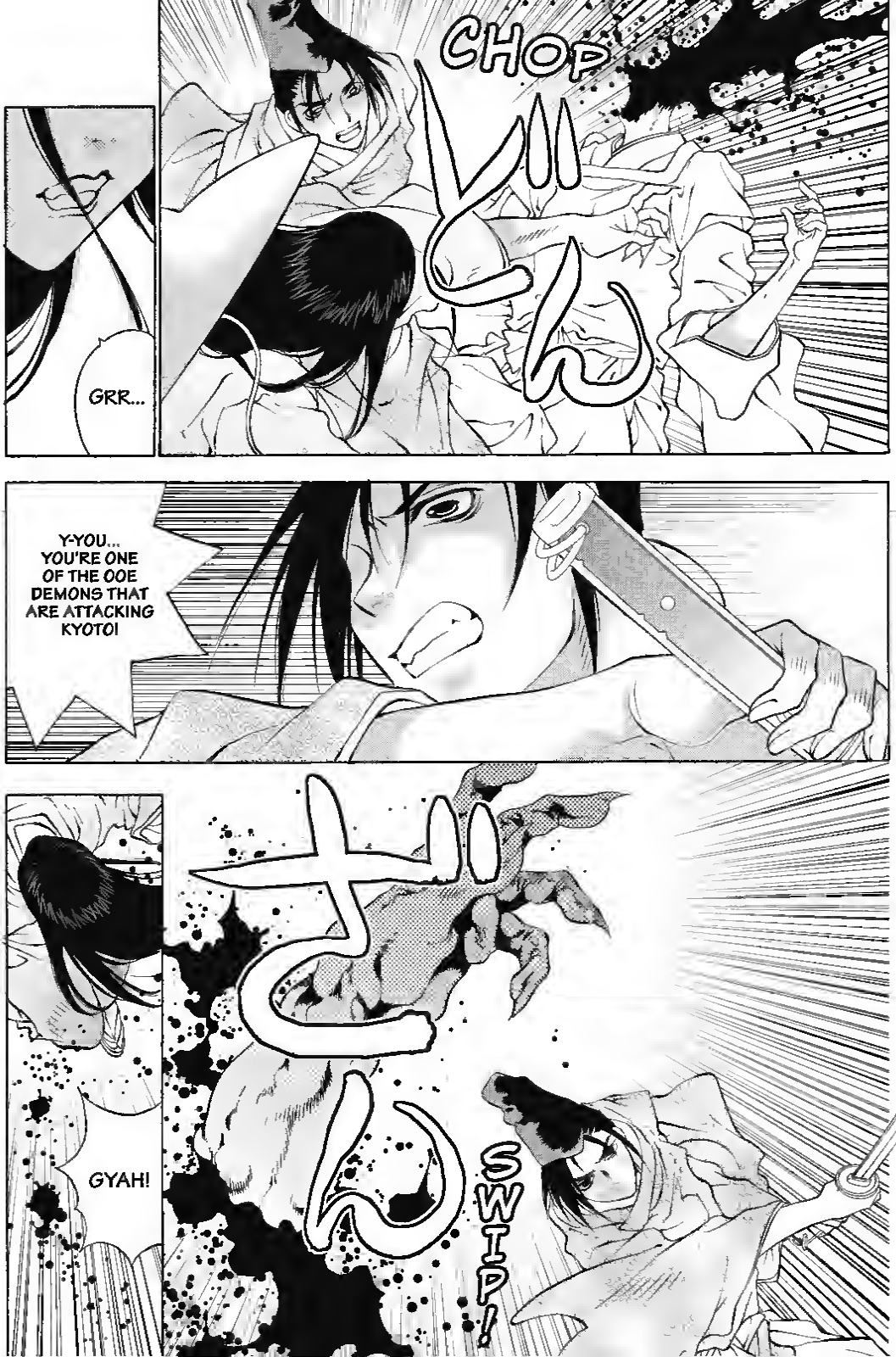
A MILLENNIA AGO IN THE HEIAN ERA, DEMONS WOULD COME TO KYOTO FROM MT. OOE, KIDNAPPING AND DEVOURING THE PRINCESSES OF THE CITY.
I AM SHUTENDOUJI, THE DEMON OF MT. OOE!

YORIMITSU...
YOU ARE A STRONG PERSON WHO PROTECTS THE PEOPLE FROM THE DEMONS.
IN THE YEAR 995, MINAMOTO NO YORIMITSU TOOK THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS WITH HIM TO OOE TO DEFEAT THE DEMONS.
TO AID YOU, I WILL PLACE THE CHILD OF THE GODS AND BUDDHAS, THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE DEMONS, INTO THE WOMB OF A BEAUTIFUL GIRL. SO LONG AS HE IS WORSHIPPED, HE WILL PROTECT THE PEOPLE.
URABE SUETAKE
USUI SADAMITSU
WATANABENO TSUNA
SAKATANO KINTOKI

PROTECT THE BEAUTIFUL NOBLE GIRLS OF THE CAPITAL! ONE OF THEM CARRIES A CHILD FROM THE GODS AND BUDDHAS IN HER WOMB!
WAS THAT... A MESSAGE FROM THE BUDDHA?
DO NOT LET THE DEMONS CAPTURE HER!
NOW THEN...
...HOW DO YOU DEFINE "BEAUTIFUL"?
WATANABENO TSUNA

WATANABE, DO YOU SUPPOSE IT COULD MEAN SOMETHING LIKE THE GIRL ON THAT BRIDGE OVER THERE?
HMM?
I TWISTED MY ANKLE...
WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
BE CAREFUL. SHE IS NOT HUMAN.


CHOP
GRR...
Y-YOU... YOU'RE ONE OF THE OOE DEMONS THAT ARE ATTACKING KYOTO!
SWIP!
GYAH!

CURSE YOU, NUN! NOBODY TRIFLES WITH IBARAKI DOUJI!
DIE!
JERK
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YOU'RE CARRYING A CHILD, AREN'T YOU, UGLY WOMAN?
HOW DARE YOU CUT OFF MY ARM!

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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
FORGET ME, FOLLOW THAT DEMON!
I'LL GET YOU, HUMANS! MY MASTER IN OOE, SHUTEN DOUJI, WILL HEAR ABOUT THIS!

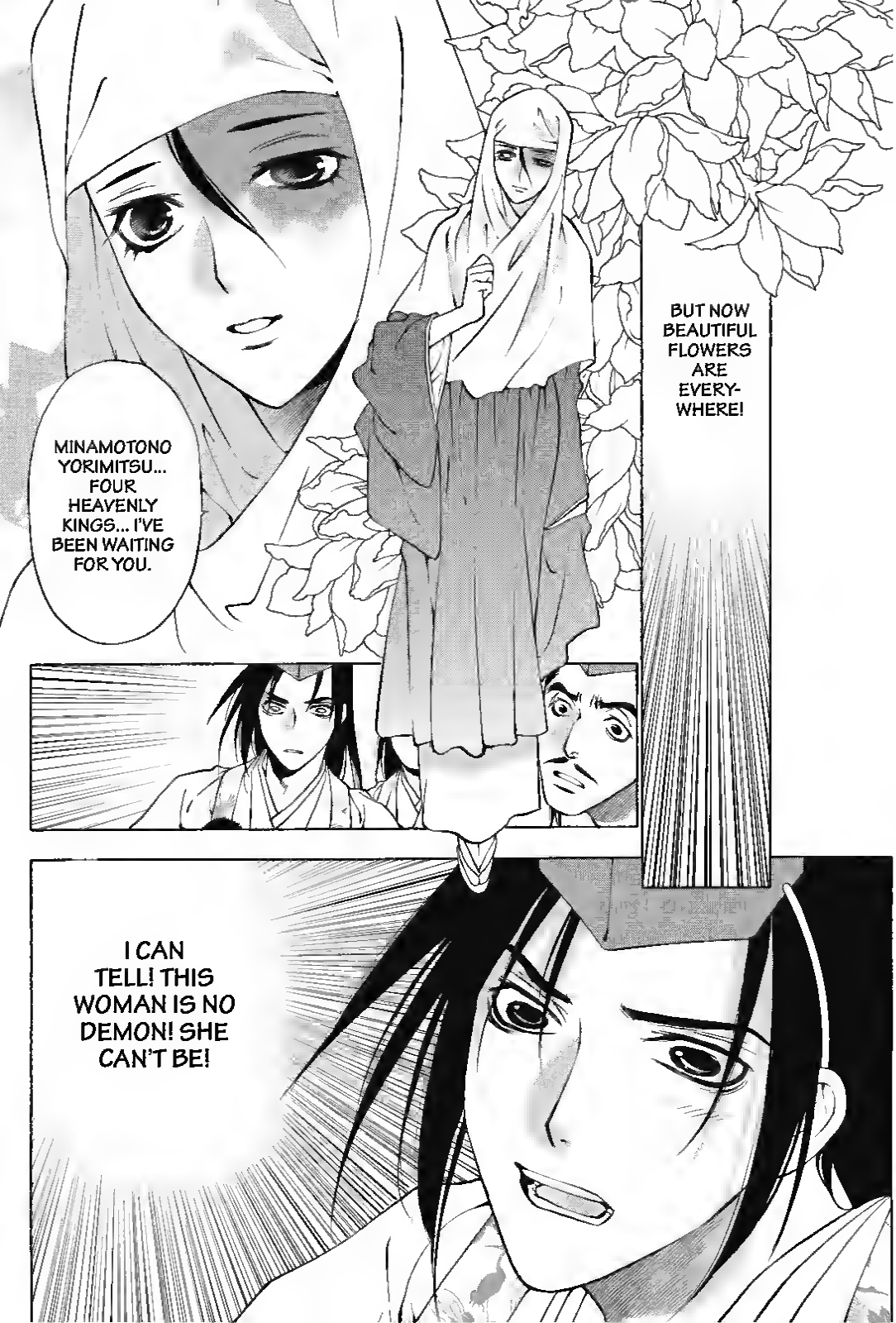
SIR, PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT MY FACE.
I WAS BORN WITH THIS HORRIBLE MARK.
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE PREGNANT?

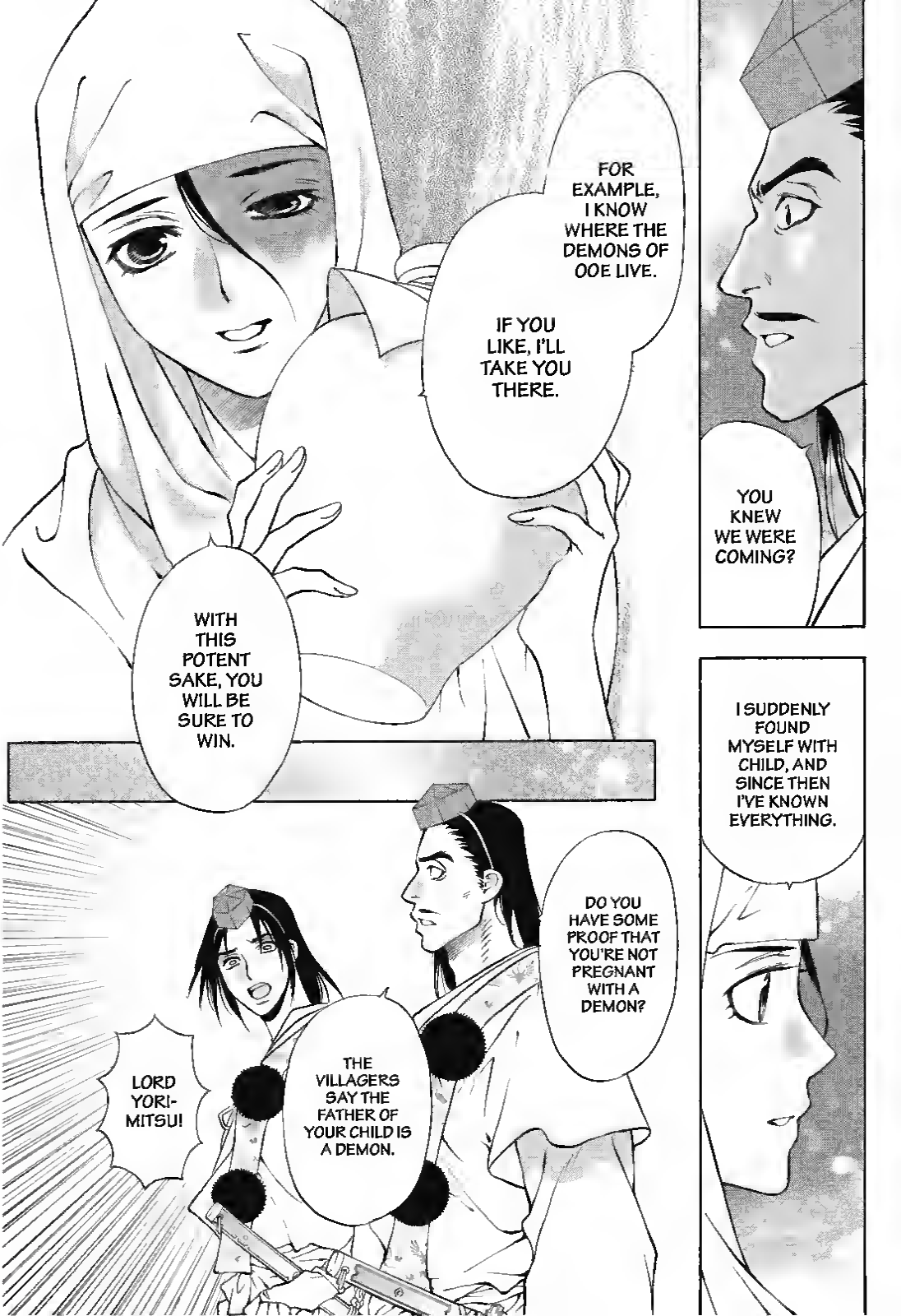
A DEMON CAN APPEAR TO BE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN FORM.
IS WHAT THE BUDDHA MEANT BY BEAUTIFUL?
WHY DO BUTTERFLIES GATHER AROUND HER?
IS IT BECAUSE HER SOUL ITSELF IS BEAUTIFUL?

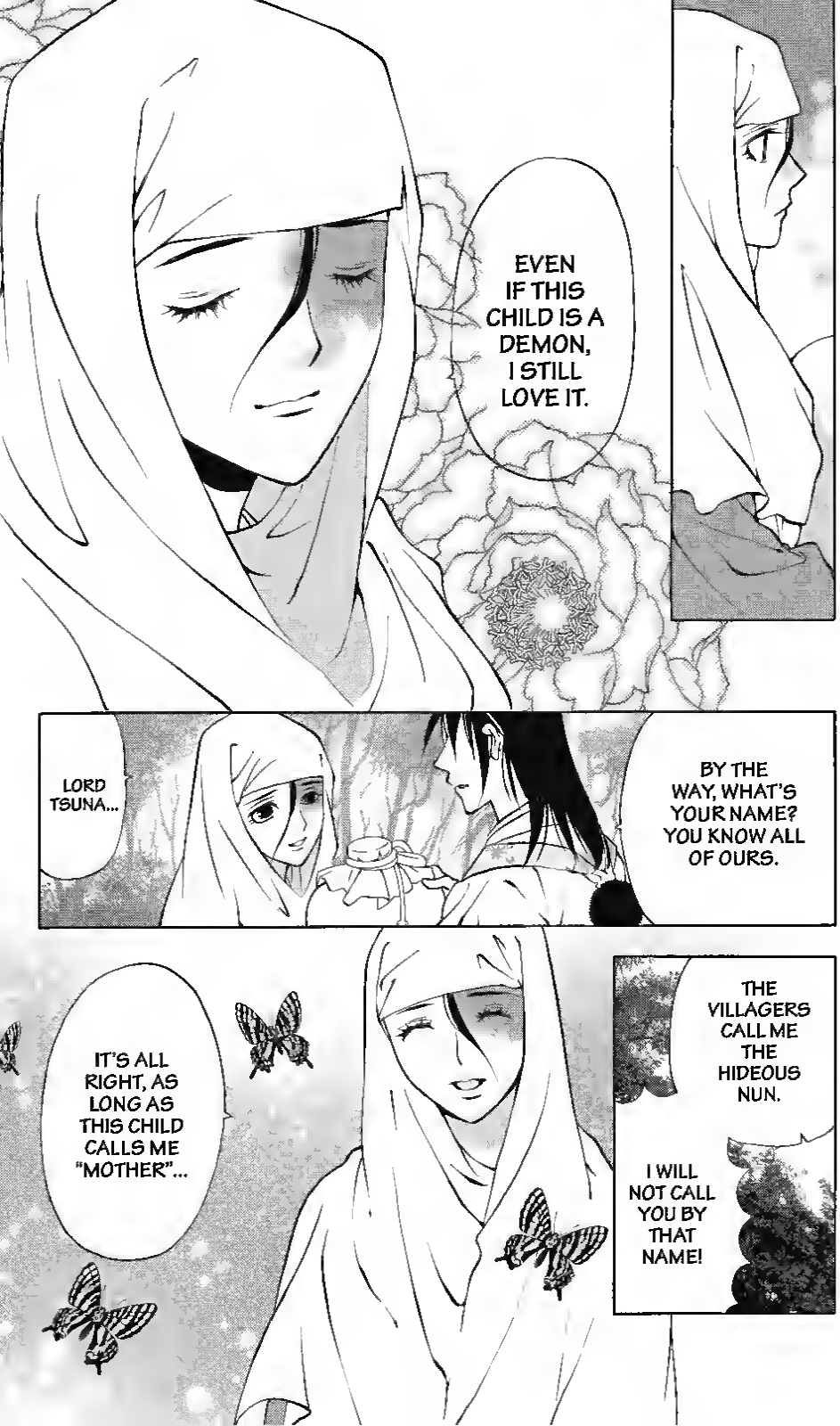
LISTEN TO ME, LORD YORIMITSU!
THE NUN WHO LIVES ON MT. OOE OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE IS A DEMON!
SHE BECAME PREGNANT WITH A DEMON, SO SHE WAS BANISHED AND LIVED ALONE ON MT. OOE, WHERE THE DEMONS DWELL!
AND... WHY DO YOU SAY SHE IS PREGNANT WITH A DEMON?
SHE WAS BORN AS UGLY AS A DEMON...
...SO ONLY A DEMON WOULD WANT HER.

WE WERE GOING TO KILL HER, RATHER THAN SIMPLY BANISH HER...
...BUT SUDDENLY, NONE OF US COULD MOVE.
IT MUST BE DEMON MAGIC!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A DEMON TO ME..
AND SO SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPING CHILDREN FROM THE VILLAGE, OR SOMETHING?
WHAT'S STRANGEST IS THAT SHE DOESN'T HATE US, EVEN THOUGH WE TRIED TO KILL HER.
THAT'S THE MOST TERRIFYING ASPECT OF ALL.
NO... IN FACT, WHENEVER A CHILD WANDERS INTO THE MOUNTAIN SHE BRINGS THEM BACK.

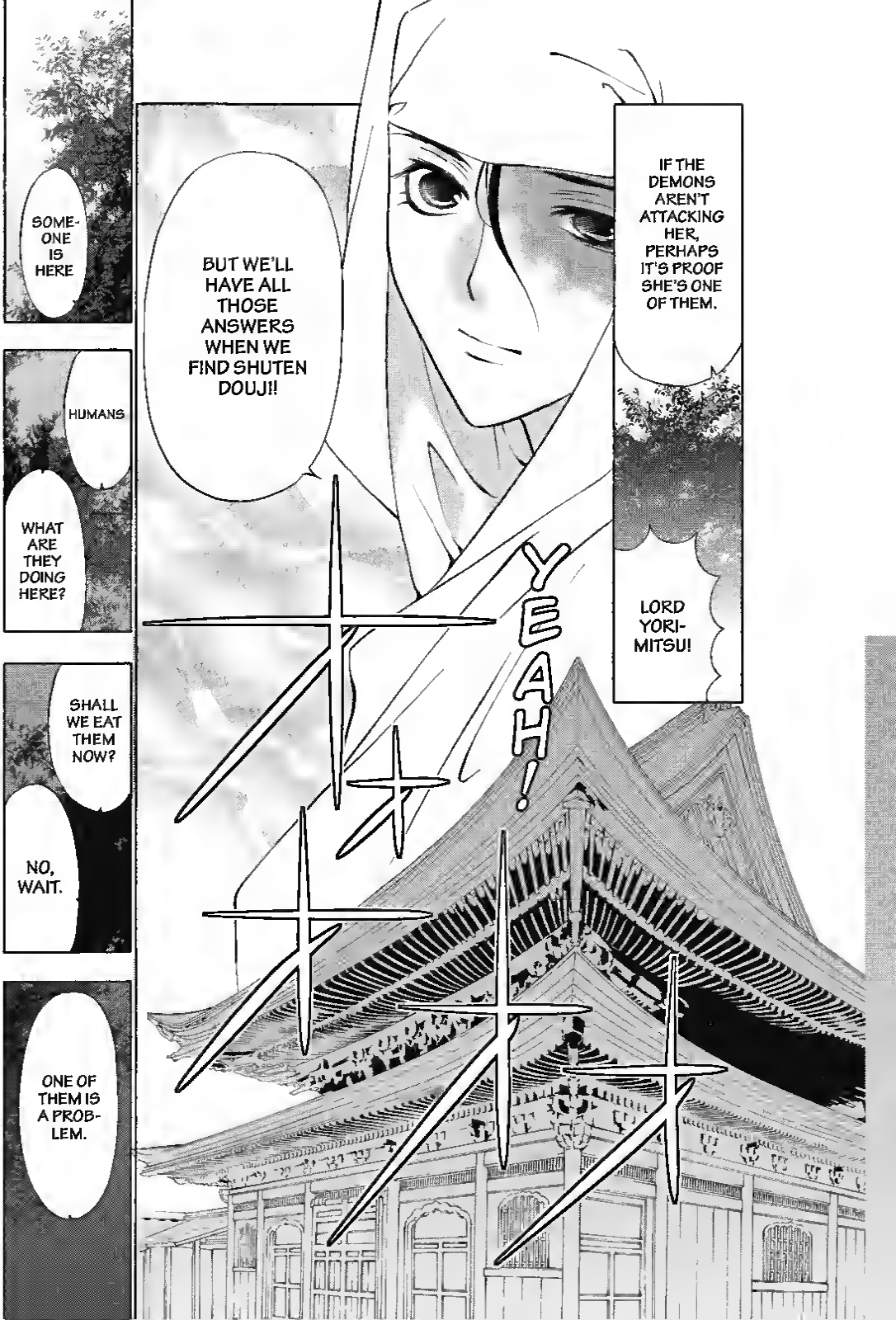
A PREGNANT NUN... COULD IT BE?
LET US DRESS AS MOUNTAIN MONKS AND VISIT HER. IF SHE IS WITH THE OOE DEMONS THAT ARE ATTACKING KYOTO, WE'LL STRIKE HER DOWN THEN AND THERE.
YEAH!
YEAH!
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS MOUNTAIN WAS ALWAYS EERIE AND DARK, A FITTING PLACE FOR DEMONS...


BUT NOW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ARE EVERY-WHERE!
MINAMOTONO YORIMITSU... FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS... I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
I CAN TELL! THIS WOMAN IS NO DEMON! SHE CAN'T BE!


YOU KNEW WE WERE COMING?
FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW WHERE THE DEMONS OF OOE LIVE.
IF YOU LIKE, I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
WITH THIS POTENT SAKE, YOU WILL BE SURE TO WIN.
I SUDDENLY FOUND MYSELF WITH CHILD, AND SINCE THEN I'VE KNOWN EVERYTHING.
DO YOU HAVE SOME PROOF THAT YOU'RE NOT PREGNANT WITH A DEMON?
THE VILLAGERS SAY THE FATHER OF YOUR CHILD IS A DEMON.
LORD YORI-MITSU!


EVEN IF THIS CHILD IS A DEMON, I STILL LOVE IT.
LORD TSUNA...
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME? YOU KNOW ALL OF OURS.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, AS LONG AS THIS CHILD CALLS ME "MOTHER"...
THE VILLAGERS CALL ME THE HIDEOUS NUN.
I WILL NOT CALL YOU BY THAT NAME!

LORD YORIMITSU, I WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M NOT WITH THE DEMONS BY GOING TO SHUTEN DOUJI WITH YOU.
NO! YOU'RE WITH CHILD!
DON'T WORRY. EVER SINCE I BECAME PREGNANT, THE DEMONS HAVE LEFT ME ALONE.
BUT EVEN SO...
I'LL PROTECT YOU...WITH MY BLADE ONIKIRIMARU, THAT CUT OFF A DEMON'S ARM!


SOME-ONE IS HERE
HUMANS
WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
SHALL WE EAT THEM NOW?
NO, WAIT.
ONE OF THEM IS A PROB-LEM.
BUT WE'LL HAVE ALL THOSE ANSWERS WHEN WE FIND SHUTEN DOUJI!
IF THE DEMONS AREN'T ATTACKING HER, PERHAPS IT'S PROOF SHE'S ONE OF THEM.
LORD YORI-MITSU!
YEAH!

EXCUSE ME! WE'D LIKE TO STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT!
I'D BE TOO SCARED TO EAT THAT...
GREAK
HAH! YOU KNOW THIS IS THE HOME OF SHUTEN DOUJI, DON'T YOU, HUMANS?

COME NOW, IBARAKI DOUJI.
IF THEY WISH TO ENJOY FOOD AND LIQUOR WITH US, INVITE THEM IN.
COME.
COME.
BUT SHUTEN! THEY'VE BROUGHT SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS WITH THEM!
THEY CROSSED THROUGH THE DEMONIC BARRIER. PERHAPS THEY'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL.

EAT ALL YOU LIKE.
URGH!

THEN WE'LL OFFER YOU THIS DELICIOUS SAKE
THIS SAKE IS POISON THAT WILL AFFECT EVEN THE DEMONS... I HOPE IT WORKS
WHEN THEY DRINK THIS AND GET DRUNK AND PASS OUT, WE'LL ATTACK.
YES, IT'S GOOD!
I SMELL A GIRL LIKE NONE I'VE EVER SMELLED BEFORE.
WHAT'S THIS?
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HIC

GRAB
AAH!
I'LL HAVE HER AS A SNACK TO GO WITH MY SAKE!
WAIT, TSUNA!
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID! SHE SAID SHE WOULDN'T BE ATTACKED BY THE DEMONS!
BUT LORD YORIMITSU, IF WE DON'T HELP HER...

WHAT IS THIS STRANGE, NEW FEELING?
STOP IT, SHUTEN! YOU'RE DRUNK! YOU CAN'T EAT A WOMAN WHO CARRIES SOMETHING SO TERRIFYING WITHIN HER.
IS THIS WHAT THE HUMANS CALL TERROR?
OH, A PREGNANT NUN, HUH?
HIC
PLEASE, JUST DON'T HURT MY CHILD!
ALL RIGHT.

CHOMP
CRUNCH
SNAP
I'LL SWALLOW YOUR BODY WHOLE SO I DON'T HURT THE CHILD.

TSUNA!
AAAH!
CHANK
GULP

I-IMPOSSIBLE! MY BLADE CUT OFF A DEMON'S ARM!
HA HA HA. THAT TICKLES DID YOU DO SOMETHING?
OH MY, DID YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU'D CUT OFF MY ARM, FOOLISH HUMAN?

LOOK, MY ARM'S GROWN BACK JUST FINE.
IT WAS JUST A GAME

DO YOU SEE NOW? NO BLADE CAN CUT THE FLESH OF A DEMON!

UGH...
WHAT'S HAPPENING? MY DEMONIC POWER IS BEING SUCKED AWAY...
SHUTEN!
WHAT IS THIS?
SHUNK
WHAT? A BLADE FROM INSIDE MY STOMACH?
SPLORT

BWOOM
GAAAH!
HOW DARE YOU KILL MY MASTER SHUTEN!

YOU'RE THE CURSED CHILD OF AN UN-WORSHIPPED GOD!
IMPOSSI-BLE...
WAS THE ENEMY OF THE DEMONS WHO THE BUDDHA SPOKE OF INSIDE THAT NUN'S BODY?

SLASH
SPLURT

IT'S LIKE A SCENE FROM HELL...
HE'S SO EVIL I DON'T KNOW WHICH OF THEM IS THE DEMON...

WHY COULDN'T YOU PROTECT MY MOTHER?! YOU CURSED HUMANS, WITH YOUR UGLY HEARTS!
URK...
COUGH
HIS RAGE IS SO GREAT IT'S MAKING ME COUGH UP BLOOD...
HE'S LIKE A DEMON HIMSELF!
HE IS NOT THE CHILD OF A GOD!

IF YOU HATE HUMANS SO MUCH, THEN WHY DON'T YOU KILL THEM?
HUMANS CAN BECOME DEMONS WHILE THEY STILL LIVE. DEMONS EAT HUMANS, BUT DEMONS DWELL WITHIN HUMANS TOO.
SO WHY NOT KILL THE HUMANS?
THE HUMANS WHO LET YOUR MOTHER DIE...

RIGHT?

I WON'T BE DECEIVED BY THE WORDS OF A DEMON!
LUNGE
LEAP!
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU CURSED CHILD OF THE GODS

NO MATTER WHERE YOU RUN, I'LL SURELY FIND YOU AND KILL YOU.
I WAS BORN WITH A COMMAND FROM HEAVEN TO SLAY ALL THE DEMONS.
IF YOU ARE A DEMON, I'LL CUT YOU DOWN.

BUT YOU HUMANS LET MY MOTHER DIE! SO I'LL NEVER PROTECT YOU!
EVER!
SHIZZLE
SHIZZLE
BEHOLD, THE CORPSES OF THE DEMONS ARE MELTING AWAY.

NO, IMPOSSI-BLE!
THEN IS HE THE GOD WHO WILL FIGHT THE DEMONS? THE ONE THE BUDDHA BROUGHT US?
HE IS BORN FROM THE DEMONS! I REFUSE TO BELIEVE HE IS A GOD!
BUT THAT SWORD IS TRULY WORTHY OF THE NAME ONIKIRIMARU. IT IS THE ONE BLADE THAT CAN CUT A DEMON'S FLESH.

AAAHH!
GASP
GASP
GASP
GASP
THE TRAGEDY OF A CHILD OF THE GODS AND BUDDHAS, BORN TO PROTECT HUMANITY: WHEN WILL THE DAY COME WHEN HIS HATE FOR HUMANITY ABATES?
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